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Patent Application No. 09/916,271

**REMARKS**

The current patent application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action, dated February 6, 2007, (hereinafter "the office action") in which: claim 14 stands objected to because of informalities, claims 1-2, 6-8, and 12-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 4,432,017 to Stoffel et al. (hereinafter "Stoffel"), claims 1, 3, 4, 6, and 9-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,522,356 to Wantanabe et al. (hereinafter "Wantanabe") and claims 5 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Stoffel and well known art. Reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in light of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-31 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, and 20 have been

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